STATE OF IOWA

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

UTILITIES BOARD

IN RE:

EFFICIENT USE OF TELEPHONE NUMBERING RESOURCES

DOCKET NO. NOI-00-3

ORDER GRANTING EXTENSION OF TIME TO ACTIVATE CODE

(Issued October 31, 2001)

On October 22, 2001, Sprint Spectrum LP (Sprint) filed with the Utilities Board (Board) a request to extend the time for activating a new central office code in the 319 area code, identified as 319-595. The code was assigned to Sprint by the North American Numbering Plan Administrator (NANPA) on March 12, 2001. Pursuant to the rules of the Federal Communications Commission (FCC), the codes had to be activated within six months of that date or returned to NANPA. However, the FCC rules delegate authority to the Board to extend that deadline in appropriate situations.

In its request, Sprint states that it has experienced unexpected delays in equipment installation, Signaling System 7 (SS7) port constraints, and point of interconnection (POI) trunk connections. These events have delayed the anticipated activation date for the new code. However, Sprint states it is making progress and expects to have the codes in service by December 14, 2001, if the Board grants an extension.

The Board will grant the requested extension to December 14, 2001. Under these specific circumstances, no useful purpose would be served by requiring Sprint to relinquish these codes and apply for replacement codes. However, the Board will not grant any further extensions for this code except under compelling circumstances.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

The request for extension of time filed on October 22, 2001, by Sprint Spectrum LP is granted. Sprint has until December 14, 2001, to place central office code 319-595 into service.

	UTILITIES BOARD
	/s/ Diane Munns
ATTEST:	/s/ Mark O. Lambert
/s/ Judi K. Cooper Executive Secretary	

Dated at Des Moines, Iowa, this 31st day of October, 2001.